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THE UNCANNY
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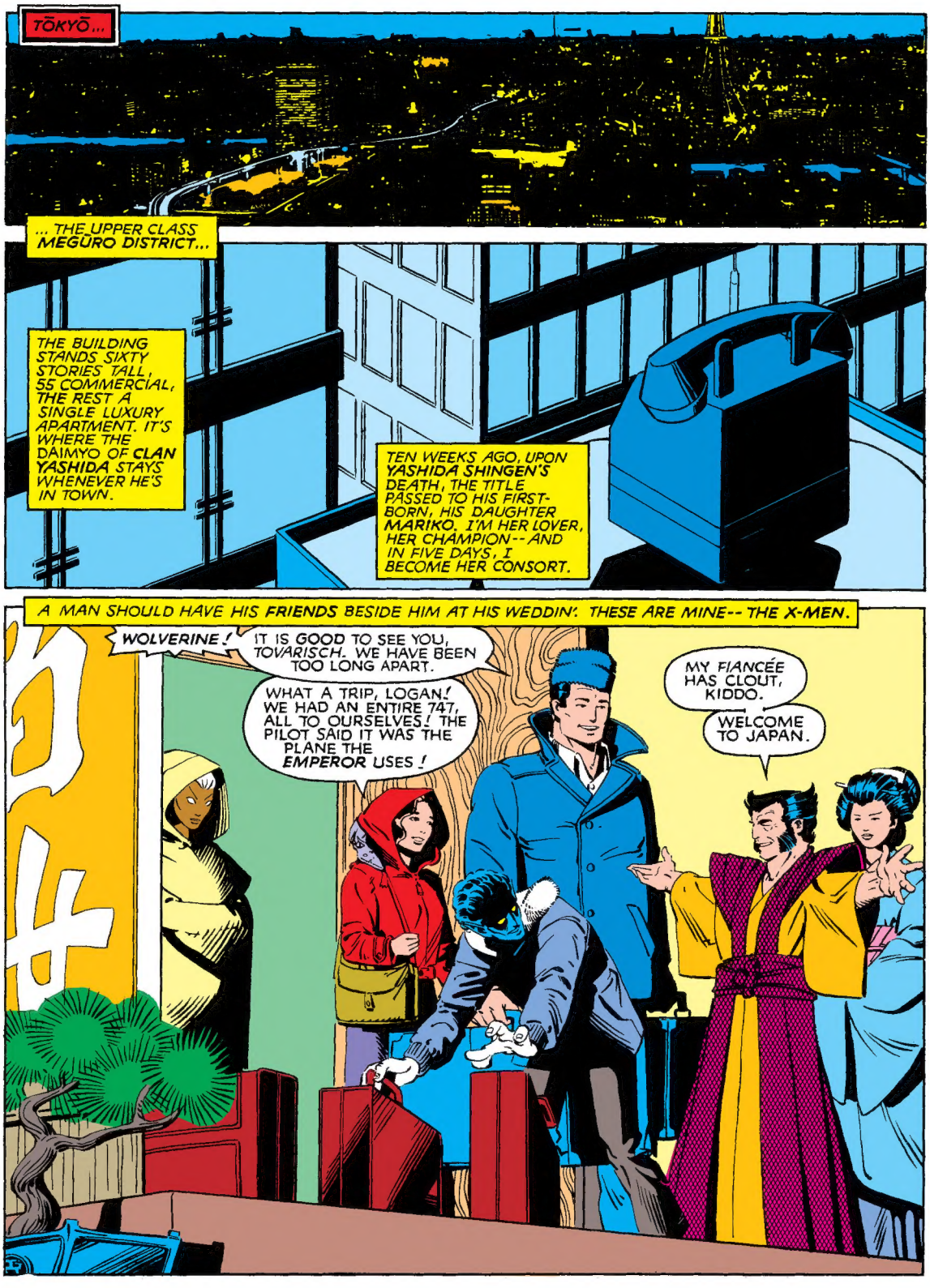
His Imperial Majesty
Hirohito
Emperor of Japan
at the wedding of
Lady Mariko
of Clan Yashida
to
Logan
Hey Elf - don't forget the BEER! - W.
R.S.V.P.



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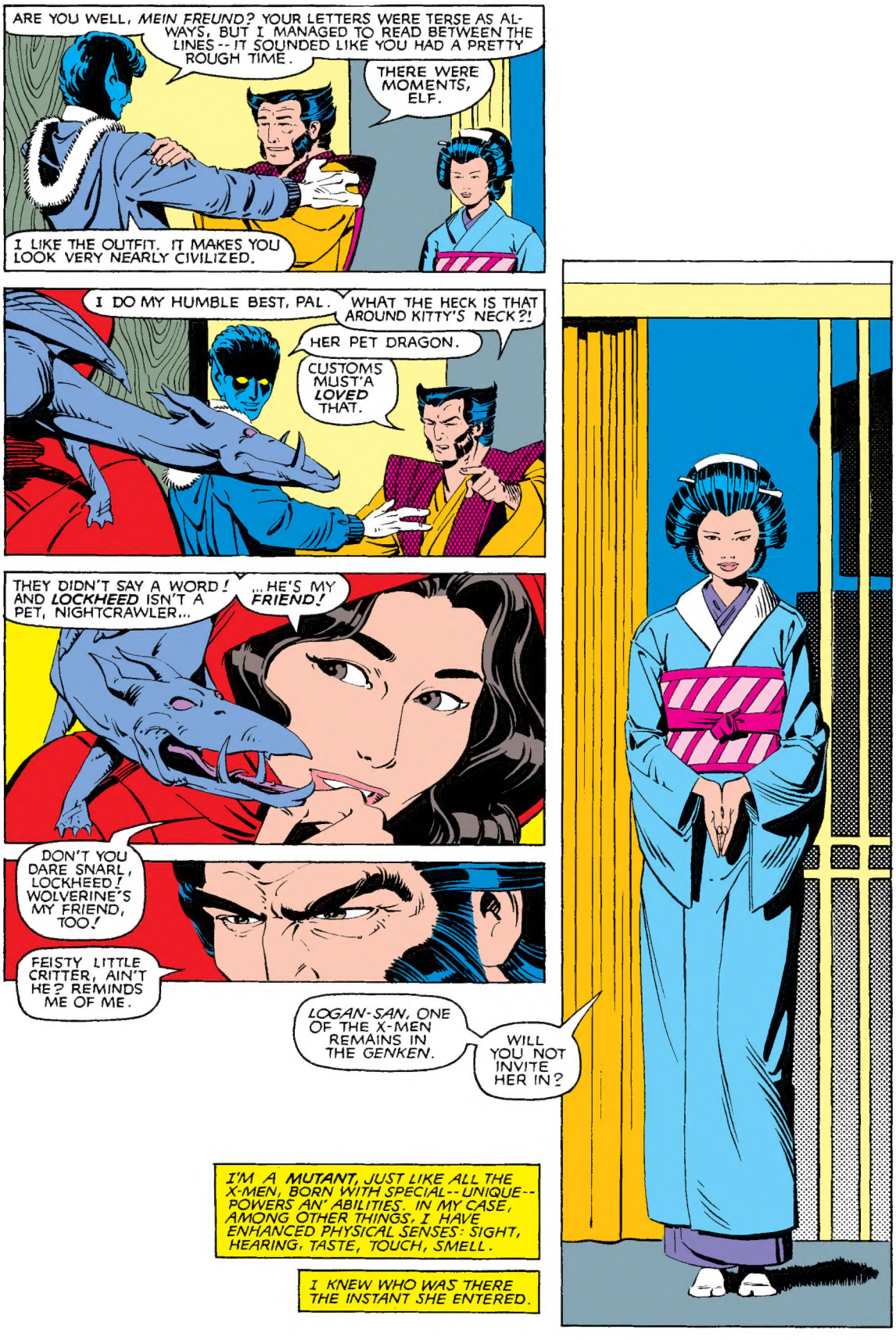
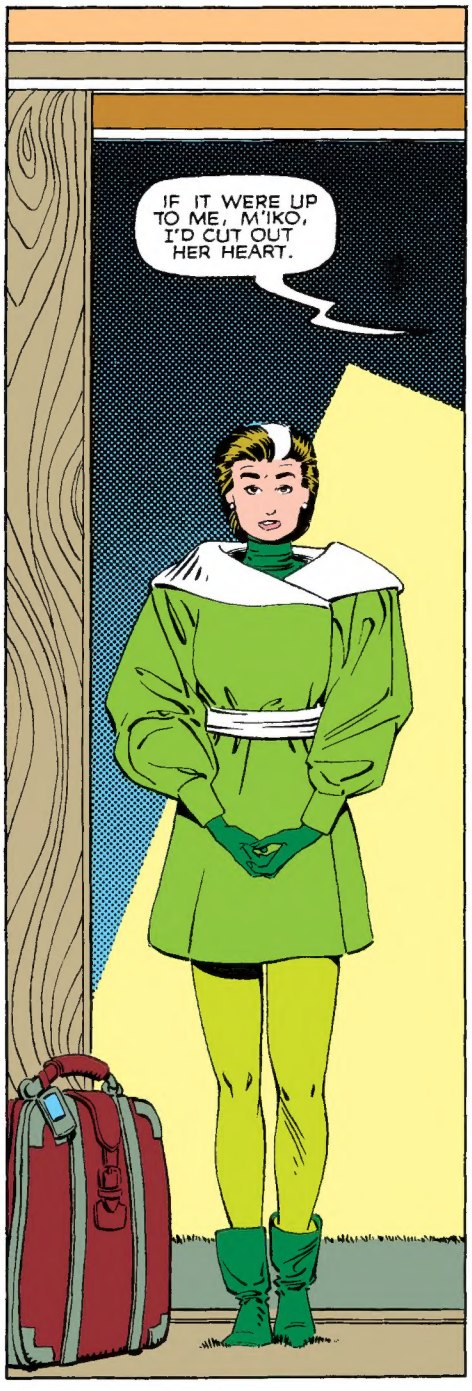
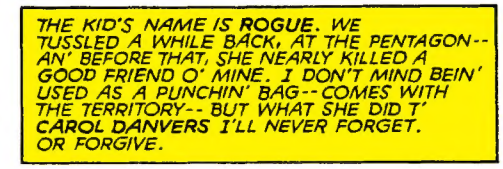
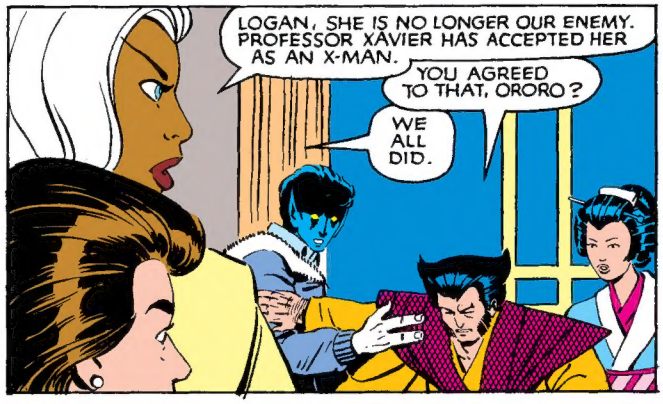
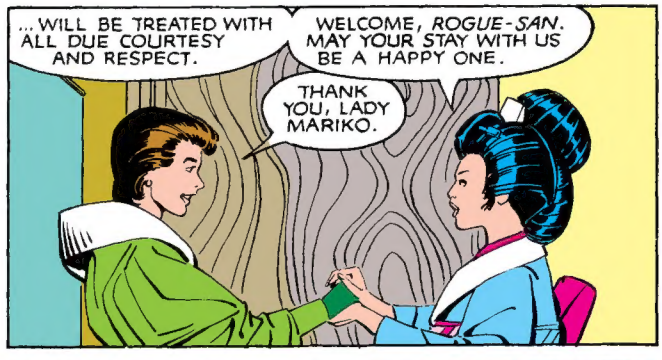

ARE YOU WELL, MEIN FREUND? YOUR LETTERS WERE TERSE AS ALWAYS, BUT I MANAGED TO READ BETWEEN THE LINES -- IT SOUNDED LIKE YOU HAD A PRETTY ROUGH TIME.
THERE WERE MOMENTS, ELF.
I LIKE THE OUTFIT. IT MAKES YOU LOOK VERY NEARLY CIVILIZED.
I DO MY HUMBLE BEST, PAL.
WHAT THE HECK IS THAT AROUND KITTY'S NECK?!
HER PET DRAGON.
CUSTOMS MUST'A LOVED THAT.
THEY DIDN'T SAY A WORD! AND LOCKHEED ISN'T A PET, NIGHTCRAWLER...
...HE'S MY FRIEND!
DON'T YOU DARE SNARL, LOCKHEED! WOLVERINE'S MY FRIEND, TOO!
FEISTY LITTLE CRITTER, AIN'T HE? REMINDS ME OF ME.
LOGAN-SAN, ONE OF THE X-MEN REMAINS IN THE GENKEN.
WILL YOU NOT INVITE HER IN?
I'M A MUTANT, JUST LIKE ALL THE X-MEN, BORN WITH SPECIAL-- UNIQUE-- POWERS AN' ABILITIES. IN MY CASE, AMONG OTHER THINGS, I HAVE ENHANCED PHYSICAL SENSES: SIGHT, HEARING, TASTE, TOUCH, SMELL.
I KNEW WHO WAS THERE THE INSTANT SHE ENTERED.

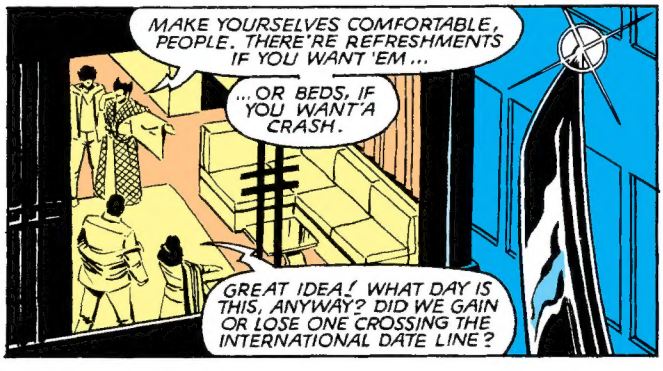

IF IT WERE UP TO ME, M'IKO, I'D CUT OUT HER HEART.


THE KID'S NAME IS ROGUE. WE TUSSLED A WHILE BACK, AT THE PENTAGON-- AN' BEFORE THAT, SHE NEARLY KILLED A GOOD FRIEND O' MINE. I DON'T MIND BEIN' USED AS A PUNCHIN' BAG-- COMES WITH THE TERRITORY-- BUT WHAT SHE DID T' CAROL DANVERS I'LL NEVER FORGET. OR FORGIVE.


LOGAN, SHE IS NO LONGER OUR ENEMY. PROFESSOR XAVIER HAS ACCEPTED HER AS AN X-MAN.
YOU AGREED TO THAT, ORORO?
WE ALL DID.

FIGURES. ANY OUTFIT THAT'LL TAKE ME AS A MEMBER'LL ADMIT ANYONE.
YOU THINK TOO LITTLE OF YOUR-SELF, WOLVERINE, AND I THINK JUDGE YOUR COMRADES TOO HARSHLY.
WHATEVER YOUR FEELINGS, SHE IS OUR GUEST AND, AS SUCH...


...WILL BE TREATED WITH ALL DUE COURTESY AND RESPECT.
WELCOME, ROGUE-SAN. MAY YOUR STAY WITH US BE A HAPPY ONE.
THANK YOU, LADY MARIKO.


MAKE YOURSELVES COMFORTABLE, PEOPLE. THERE'RE REFRESHMENTS IF YOU WANT 'EM...
...OR BEDS, IF YOU WANT'A CRASH.
GREAT IDEA! WHAT DAY IS THIS, ANYWAY? DID WE GAIN OR LOSE ONE CROSSING THE INTERNATIONAL DATE LINE?

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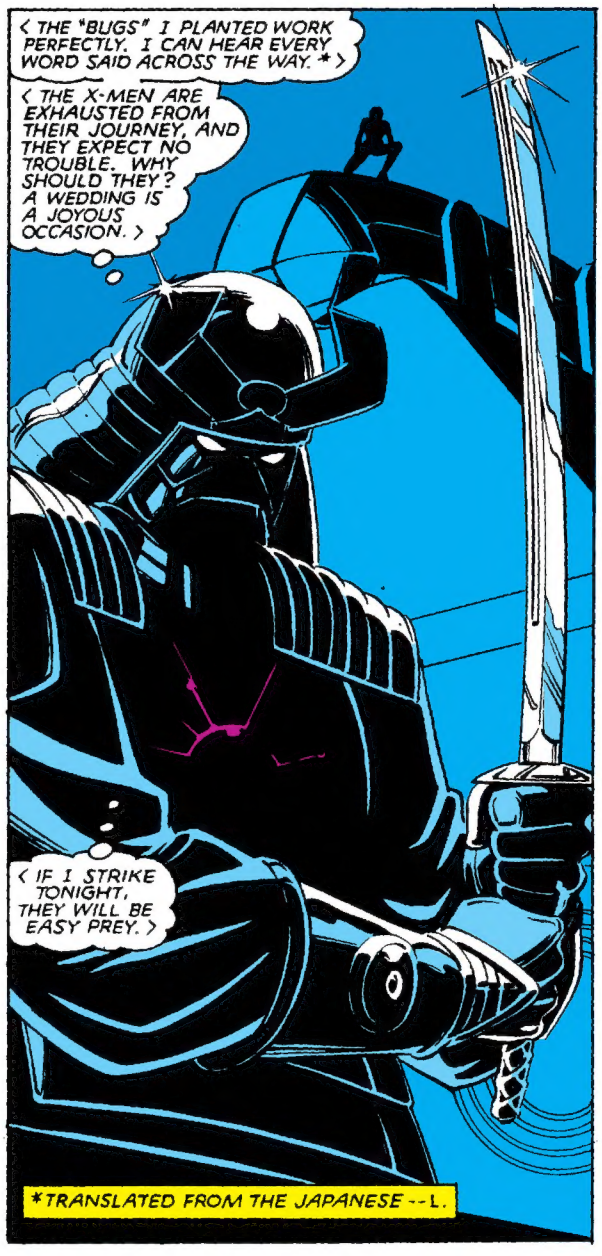
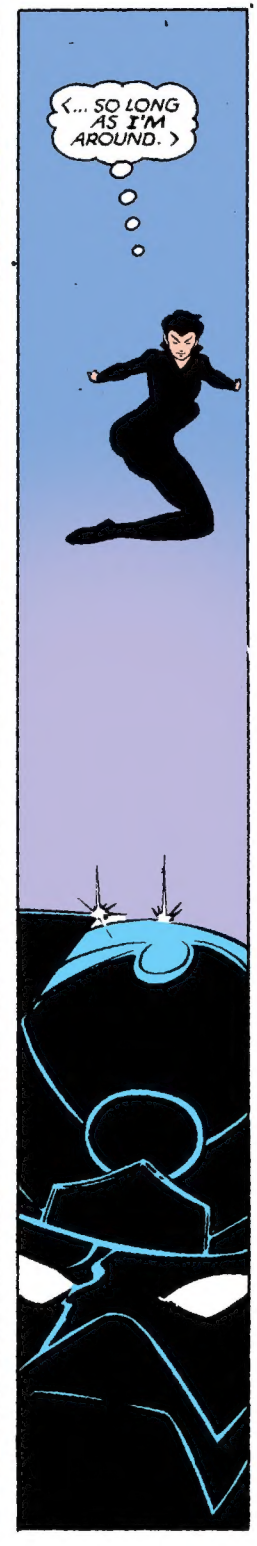
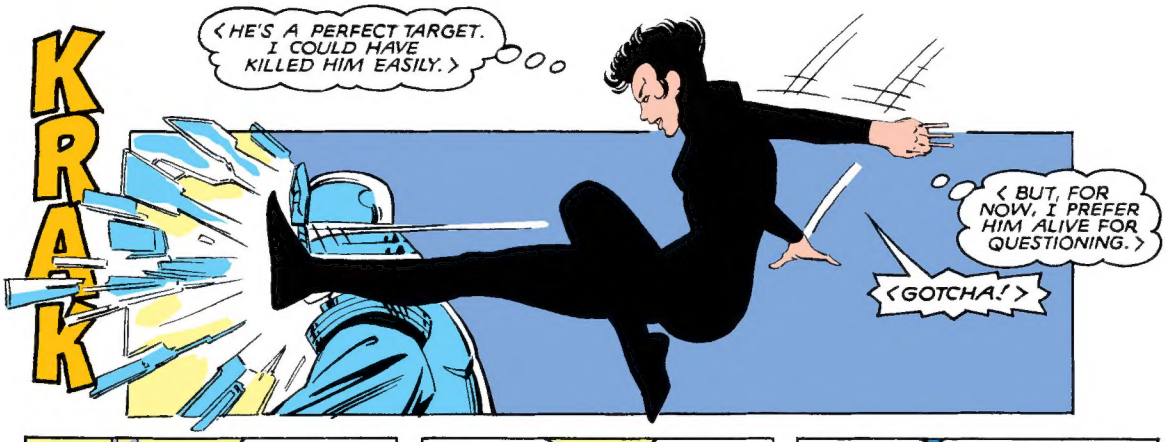


Stan Lee PRESENTS...

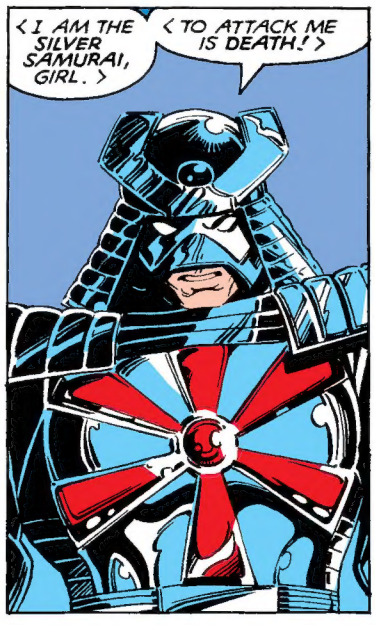
Scarlet IN GLORY

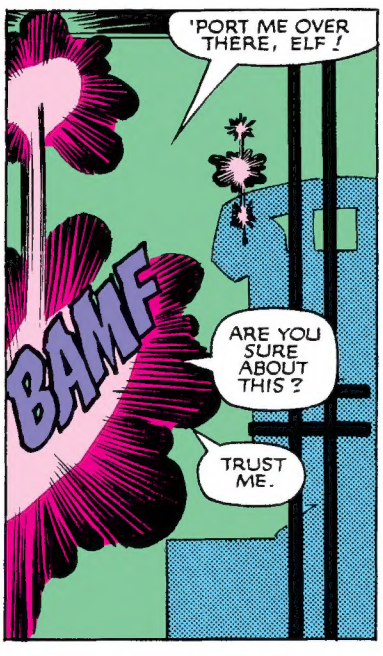


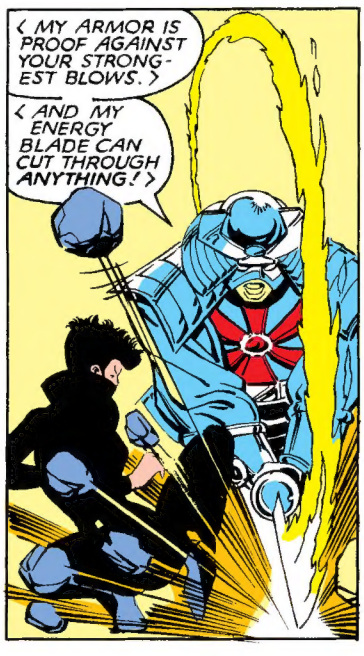

KRAK
< HE'S A PERFECT TARGET. I COULD HAVE KILLED HIM EASILY. >
< BUT, FOR NOW, I PREFER HIM ALIVE FOR QUESTIONING. >
< GOTCHA! >

< WHO--?!! >
< Uh-oh! >

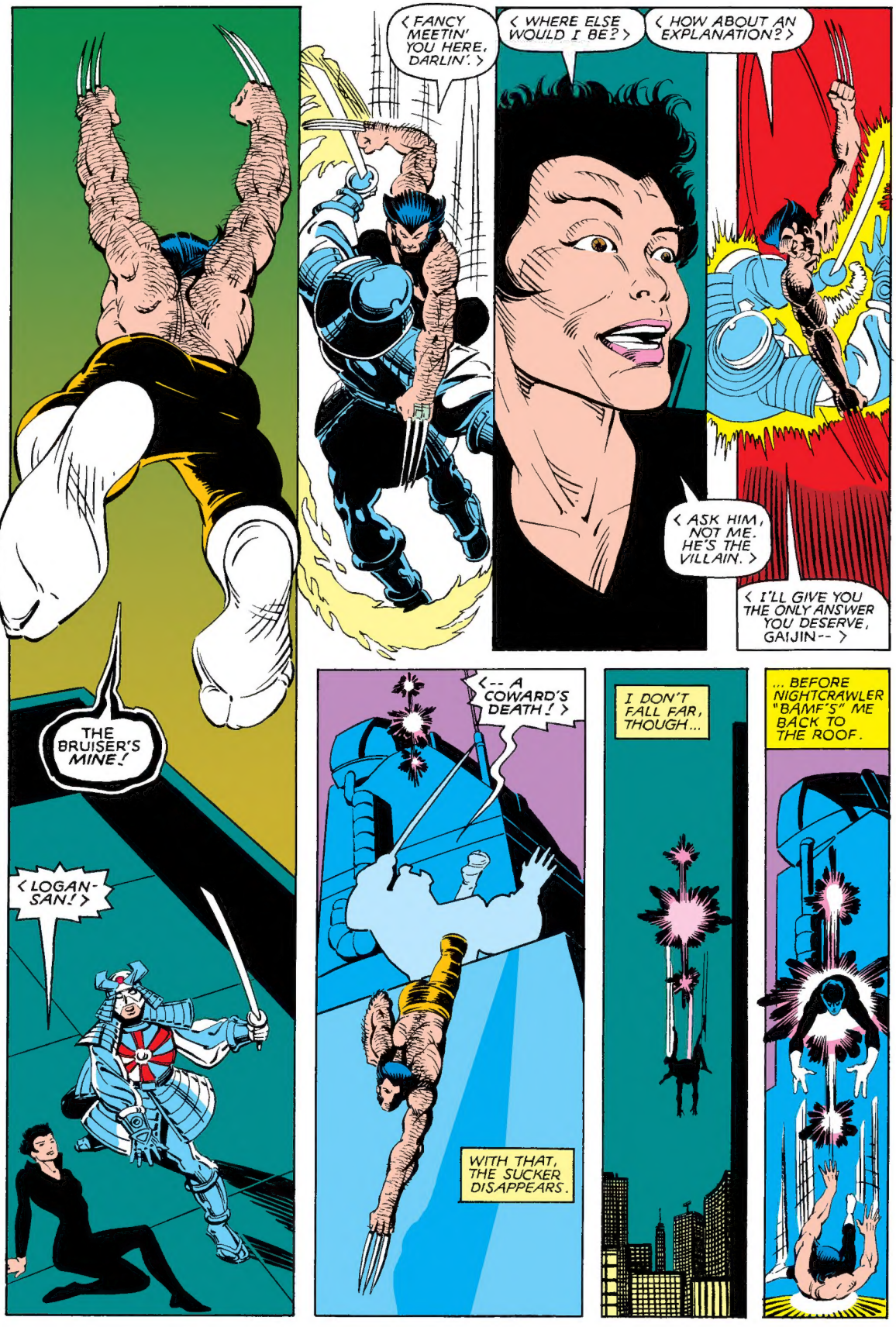
THAT SOUND--!
I DIDN'T HEAR ANYTHING.
FROM THE ROOF NEXT DOOR--FLESH ON METAL, A FIGHTING KICK!

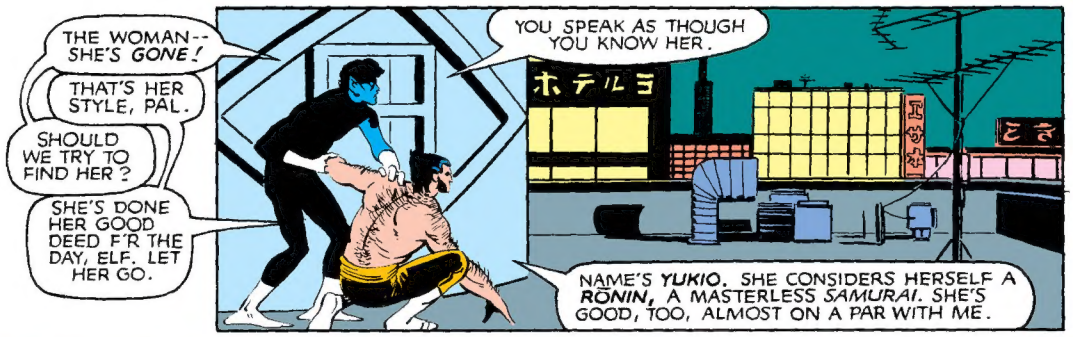

< I AM THE SILVER SAMURAI, GIRL. >
< TO ATTACK ME IS DEATH! >

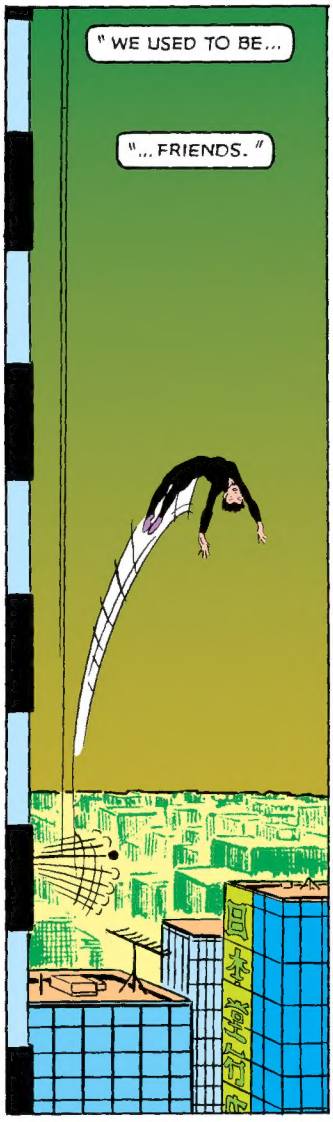

'PORT ME OVER THERE, ELF!
BAMF
ARE YOU SURE ABOUT THIS?
TRUST ME.

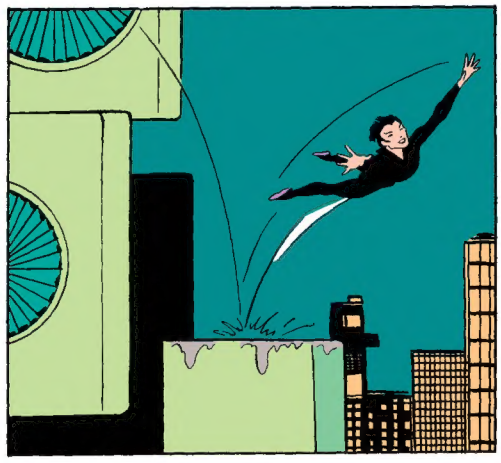

< MY ARMOR IS PROOF AGAINST YOUR STRONGEST BLOWS. >
< AND MY ENERGY BLADE CAN CUT THROUGH ANYTHING! >

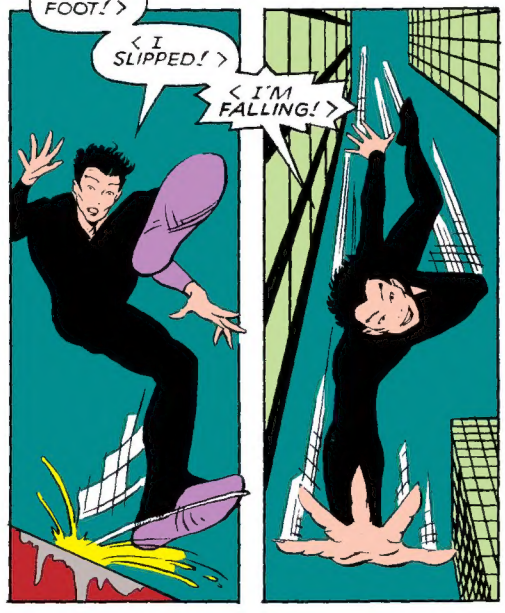
WHAT'D I TELL YOU?
GRAB THE LADY, ELF. MAKE SURE SHE'S SAFE.


THE BRUISER'S MINE!
< LOGAN-SAN! >
< FANCY MEETIN' YOU HERE, DARLIN'. >
< WHERE ELSE WOULD I BE? >
< HOW ABOUT AN EXPLANATION? >
< ASK HIM, NOT ME. HE'S THE VILLAIN. >
< I'LL GIVE YOU THE ONLY ANSWER YOU DESERVE, GAIJIN-- >
<-- A COWARD'S DEATH! >
WITH THAT, THE SUCKER DISAPPEARS.
I DON'T FALL FAR, THOUGH...
... BEFORE NIGHTCRAWLER "BAMF'S" ME BACK TO THE ROOF.

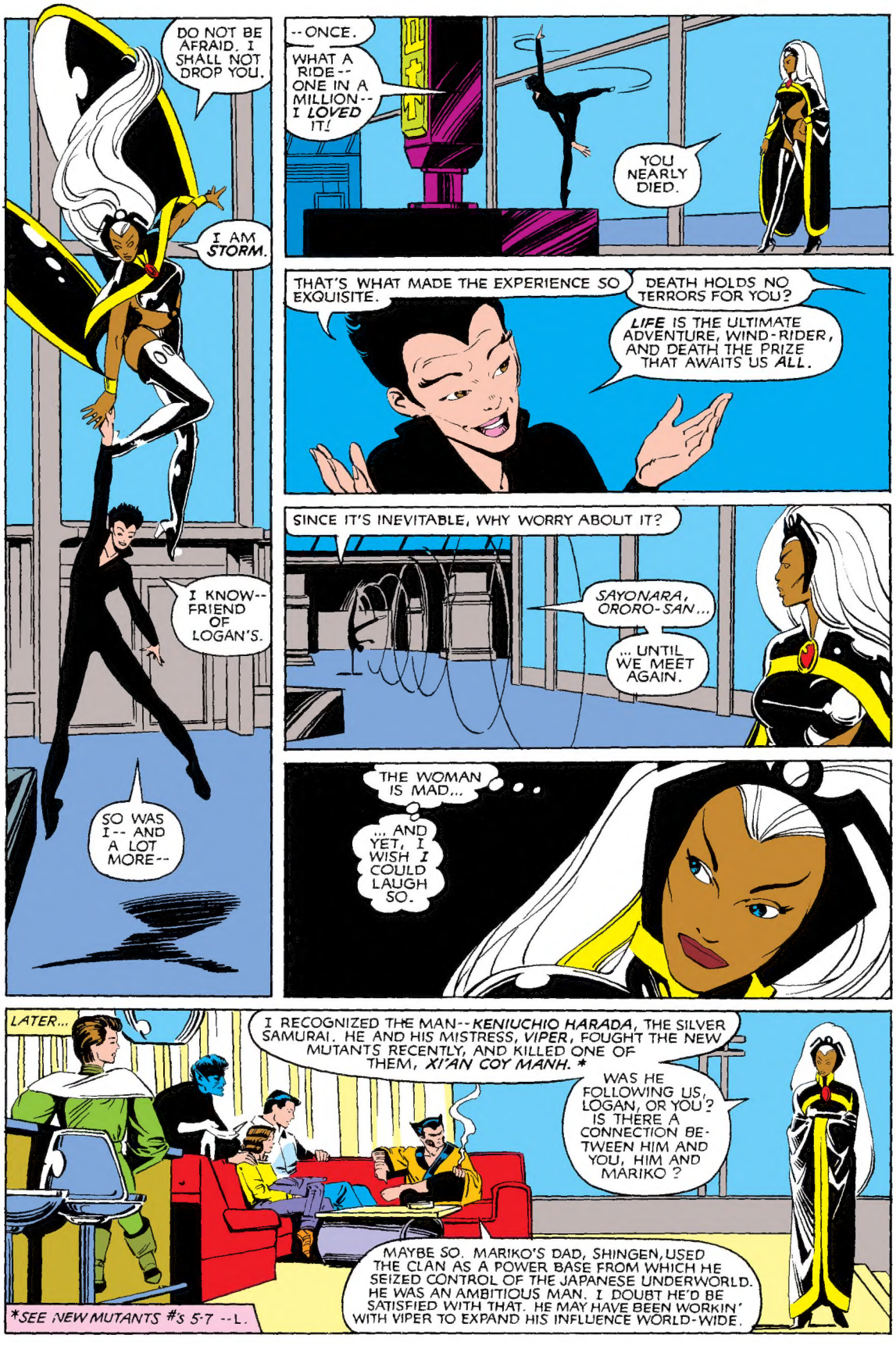

THE WOMAN-- SHE'S GONE!
THAT'S HER STYLE, PAL.
SHOULD WE TRY TO FIND HER?
SHE'S DONE HER GOOD DEED F'R THE DAY, ELF. LET HER GO.
YOU SPEAK AS THOUGH YOU KNOW HER.
NAME'S YUKIO. SHE CONSIDERS HERSELF A RONIN, A MASTERLESS SAMURAI. SHE'S GOOD, TOO, ALMOST ON A PAR WITH ME.

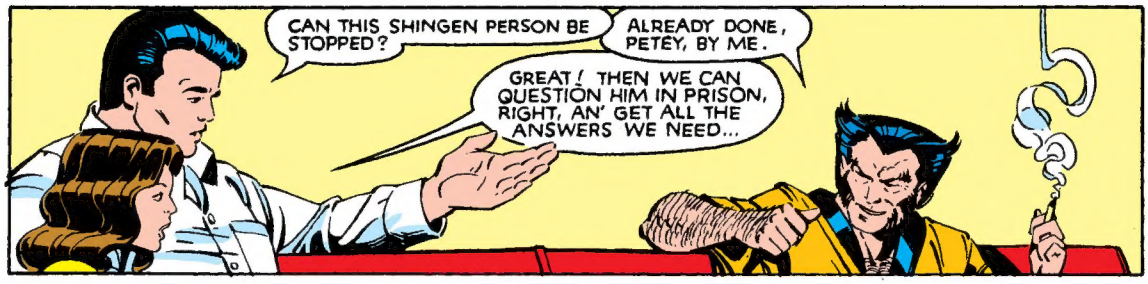

" WE USED TO BE...
"... FRIENDS."

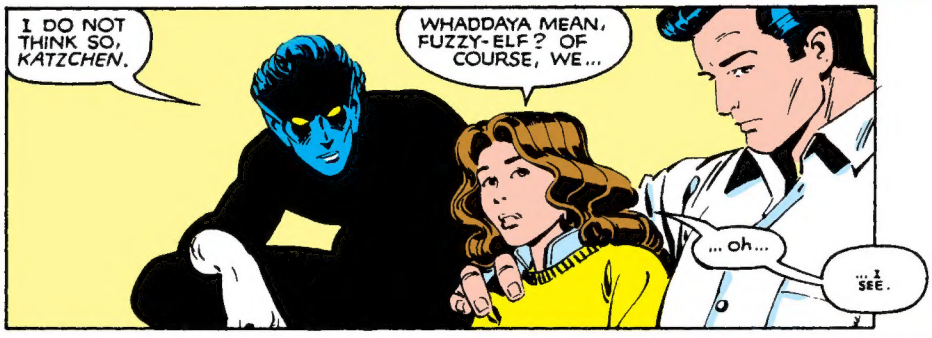



< MY FOOT! >
< I SLIPPED! >
< I'M FALLING! >

< BY MY ANCESTORS!! >


DO NOT BE AFRAID. I SHALL NOT DROP YOU.
I AM STORM.
I KNOW-- FRIEND OF LOGAN'S.
SO WAS I-- AND A LOT MORE--
--ONCE.
WHAT A RIDE-- ONE IN A MILLION-- I LOVED IT!
YOU NEARLY DIED.
THAT'S WHAT MADE THE EXPERIENCE SO EXQUISITE.
DEATH HOLDS NO TERRORS FOR YOU?
LIFE IS THE ULTIMATE ADVENTURE, WIND-RIDER, AND DEATH THE PRIZE THAT AWAITS US ALL.
SINCE IT'S INEVITABLE, WHY WORRY ABOUT IT?
SAYONARA, ORORO-SAN...
... UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN.
THE WOMAN IS MAD...
... AND YET, I WISH I COULD LAUGH SO.
LATER...
I RECOGNIZED THE MAN--KENIUCHIO HARADA, THE SILVER SAMURAI. HE AND HIS MISTRESS, VIPER, FOUGHT THE NEW MUTANTS RECENTLY, AND KILLED ONE OF THEM, XI'AN COY MANH. *
WAS HE FOLLOWING US, LOGAN, OR YOU? IS THERE A CONNECTION BETWEEN HIM AND YOU, HIM AND MARIKO?
MAYBE SO. MARIKO'S DAD, SHINGEN, USED THE CLAN AS A POWER BASE FROM WHICH HE SEIZED CONTROL OF THE JAPANESE UNDERWORLD. HE WAS AN AMBITIOUS MAN. I DOUBT HE'D BE SATISFIED WITH THAT. HE MAY HAVE BEEN WORKIN' WITH VIPER TO EXPAND HIS INFLUENCE WORLD-WIDE.
*SEE NEW MUTANTS #'s 5-7 --L.

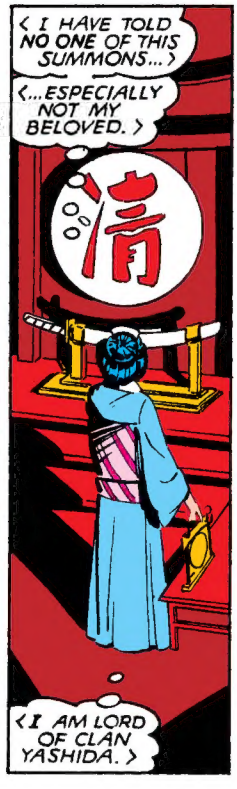

CAN THIS SHINGEN PERSON BE STOPPED?
ALREADY DONE, PETEY, BY ME.
GREAT! THEN WE CAN QUESTION HIM IN PRISON, RIGHT, AN' GET ALL THE ANSWERS WE NEED...


I DO NOT THINK SO, KATZCHEN.
WHADDAYA MEAN, FUZZY-ELF? OF COURSE, WE...
...oh...
...I SEE.

MOMENTS LIKE THIS, I FEEL SORRY FOR THE KID. SHE CARES FOR ME, BELIEVES IN ME-- BUT EVERY SO OFTEN, SHE GETS REMINDED-- HARD-- THAT WE COME FROM TWO DIFFERENT WORLDS. AN' THAT MINE ISN'T VERY NICE.

< IN HONOR, LOGAN DID WHAT I MYSELF WOULD HAVE HAD TO DO-- FACED MY FATHER IN SINGLE COMBAT, TO THE DEATH. >
< SHINGEN DISGRACED HIS NAME, HIS FAMILY-- HE DESERVED HIS FATE. >

< WOULD THAT HIS DEATH HAD BROUGHT AN END TO MY NIGHTMARE. >
< "MEETING TONIGHT, MIDNIGHT, COME ALONE-- HARADA." >


< I HAVE TOLD NO ONE OF THIS SUMMONS... >
<...ESPECIALLY NOT MY BELOVED. >
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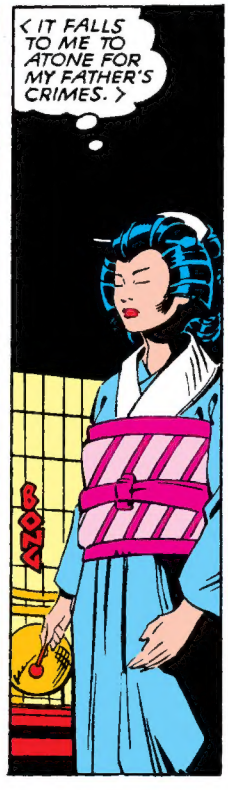
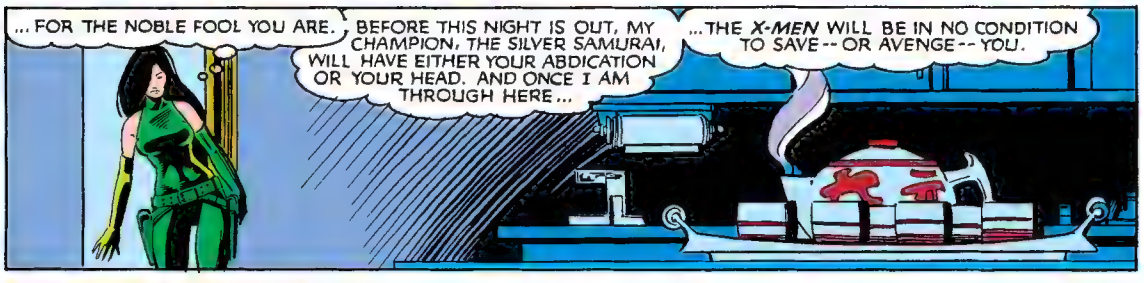
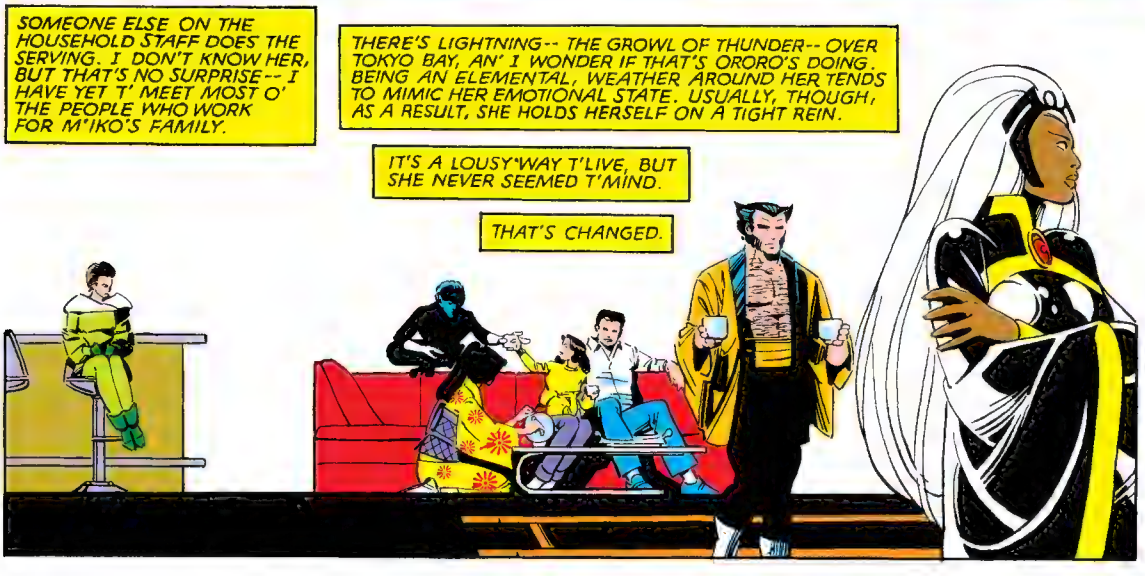
< I AM LORD OF CLAN YASHIDA. >


< IT FALLS TO ME TO ATONE FOR MY FATHER'S CRIMES. >

< IT IS A TASK I MUST ACCOMPLISH ALONE. >
< TONI, I WILL BE OUT FOR AWHILE. LOGAN-SAMA AND OUR GUESTS ARE NOT TO KNOW. >

TONI-- M'IKO'S MAID --TELLS ME MARIKO'S GONE TO BED. I WISH I COULD JOIN HER, BUT THE X-MEN AN' I HAVE TOO MUCH TO TALK ABOUT.
I SEND TONI T' THE KITCHEN FOR MORE EATS. JET LAG EVIDENTLY HASN'T AFFECTED ANY-ONE'S APPETITE.
KRAK!
BLESS YOU, LADY MARIKO...


... FOR THE NOBLE FOOL YOU ARE.
BEFORE THIS NIGHT IS OUT, MY CHAMPION, THE SILVER SAMURAI, WILL HAVE EITHER YOUR ABDICATION OR YOUR HEAD. AND ONCE I AM THROUGH HERE...
...THE X-MEN WILL BE IN NO CONDITION TO SAVE -- OR AVENGE -- YOU.


SOMEONE ELSE ON THE HOUSEHOLD STAFF DOES THE SERVING. I DON'T KNOW HER, BUT THAT'S NO SURPRISE -- I HAVE YET T' MEET MOST O' THE PEOPLE WHO WORK FOR M'IKO'S FAMILY.
THERE'S LIGHTNING -- THE GROWL OF THUNDER -- OVER TOKYO BAY, AN' I WONDER IF THAT'S ORORO'S DOING. BEING AN ELEMENTAL, WEATHER AROUND HER TENDS TO MIMIC HER EMOTIONAL STATE. USUALLY, THOUGH, AS A RESULT, SHE HOLDS HERSELF ON A TIGHT REIN.
IT'S A LOUSY WAY T'LIVE, BUT SHE NEVER SEEMED T'MIND.
THAT'S CHANGED.

< WILL THERE BE ANYTHING ELSE, LOGAN-SAMA? >
< NO THANK YOU, YOSHI. WE'LL CALL IF WE NEED YOU. >
HAVE SOME TEA, DARLIN'. IT'LL WARM YOU UP.
MANY THANKS, LOGAN.
THESE ARE LOVELY APARTMENTS.

THEY'LL DO.

YOU'RE... DIFFERENT, 'RORO.

SO ARE YOU, MY FRIEND.

THAT F'R SURE. WHATEVER ROAD I FIGURED MY LIFE'D TAKE, I DIDN'T COUNT ON IT LEADIN' HERE.
LOOK AT ME-- A ROUGHNECK CANADIAN MOUNTAIN MAN, ABOUT T'MARRY THE DAUGHTER OF ONE OF THE OLDEST, MOST POWERFUL, MOST RESPECTED FAMILIES IN JAPAN. I STILL DON'T BELIEVE IT'S REALLY HAPPENIN' THIS HAS GOTTA BE A DREAM.
WHY?

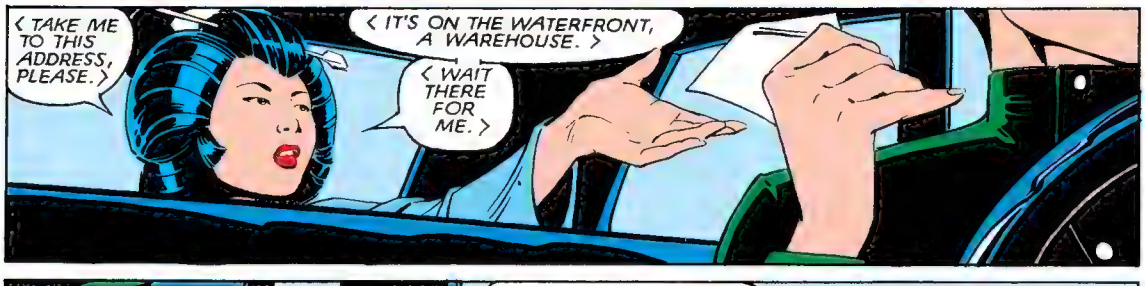
BECAUSE PART O' ME DOESN'T THINK IT'S RIGHT.
TO SHAME ME, SHINGEN ASKED ME IF I WAS WORTHY. I GUESS DEEP DOWN INSIDE, I STILL HAVE DOUBTS ABOUT THE ANSWER.

IF MARIKO ACCEPTS YOU, WHAT ELSE MATTERS?
BUT I SENSE DEEPER CONCERN, LOGAN.

YAH! THE CLAN'S INVOLVEMENT IN CRIMINAL AFFAIRS-- THANKS TO SHINGEN-- IS FAR MORE EXTENSIVE THAN MARIKO SUSPECTS. THOSE TIES WON'T BE EASY TO SEVER.
I WANTED CARTE BLANCHE TO DEAL WITH THE PROBLEM, BUT M'IKO SAID NO. SHE'S GOT COURAGE, 'RORO, AN' MORE SMARTS'N ME, BUT SHE'S OUT OF HER DEPTH. I'M SCARED SHE'LL BE CORRUPTED, SHAPED BY CIRCUMSTANCE INTO HER FATHER'S IMAGE. I'VE SEEN IT HAPPEN BEFORE.
I FEEL SO FLAMIN' HELPLESS! THIS KIND'A SCRAP'S TOO SUBTLE F'R ME, I DON'T KNOW HOW TO HANDLE IT.

I THINK YOU UNDER-ESTIMATE YOUR LADY.
I HOPE SO-- hmnh ?!
STRANGE--THE TEA SHOULDN'T HAVE THAT AFTERTASTE--SO FAINT I BARELY NOTICED.
I WISH MY OWN CONFLICT WERE AS CLEAR-CUT...
STORM--DON'T DRINK!
WHAT--?!?
POISON...
BLESSED GODDESS--NO!

< HERE'S YOUR CAR, LADY MARIKO, AS YOU REQUESTED.>
< THANK YOU, MATSUO-SAN. >


< TAKE ME TO THIS ADDRESS, PLEASE.>
< IT'S ON THE WATERFRONT, A WAREHOUSE. >
< WAIT THERE FOR ME. >

< CERTAINLY, MILADY, ANYTHING YOU SAY. >
< GOTCHA! >

ANCHORAGE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, ALASKA--

--HOME AND HEAD-QUARTERS OF NORTH STAR AIRLINES...

... IN WHOSE OFFICES -- LONG AFTER HOURS -- IS **SCOTT SUMMERS**, GRANDSON OF THE BOSS...

... STORM'S PREDECESSOR AS LEADER OF THE X-MEN.

BURNING THE MIDNIGHT OIL, BIG BROTHER?

HI, ALEX-- WHAT BRINGS YOU HERE?

FUNNY, I WAS GOING TO ASK THE SAME THING.

PERSONNEL A-G

PERSONNEL H-P

PERSONNEL

WHOSE FILE, MADELYNE'S?

THIS IS NONE OF YOUR BUSI-NESS, ALEX.

SCOTT, ***JEAN GREY*** IS ***DEAD!*** MADELYNE PRYOR BEARS AN UNCANNY RESEMBLANCE TO HER-- BUT THAT'S ALL!

I WANT TO BELIEVE THAT, ALEX, BUT THINGS KEEP HAPPENING. FROM THE MOMENT WE MET, SHE AND I BEHAVED LIKE PEOPLE WHO'D KNOWN EACH OTHER, INTIMATELY, FOR YEARS! ON OUR FIRST DATE, SHE OFFERED TO FIX MY FAVORITE BREAKFAST. WHEN I ASKED HOW SHE KNEW WHAT IT WAS, SHE SAID, "SIMPLE, I READ MINDS."

IT'S AN ***EXPRESSION,*** SCOTT! SHE COULD HAVE FOUND OUT FROM GRAND'MA!

North Star

WHAT ABOUT HER CRASH?

SCOTT, YOU TWO ARE BEAUTIFUL TOGETHER. WHY ARE YOU TRYING TO DESTROY IT?!

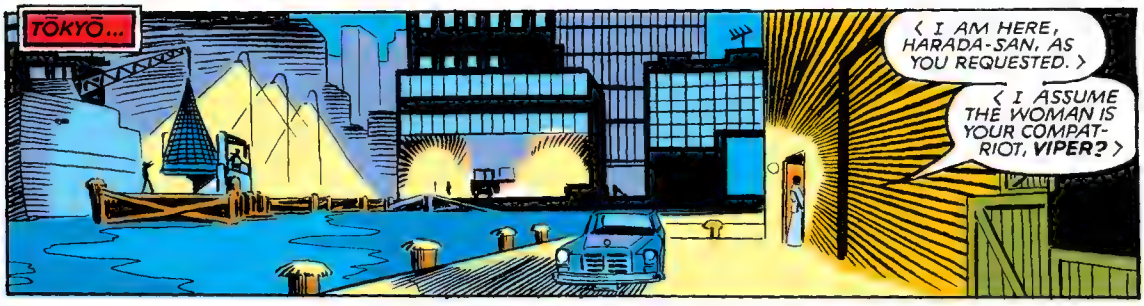
I HAVE TO KNOW THE TRUTH, ALEX...

...WHAT-EVER THE COST.

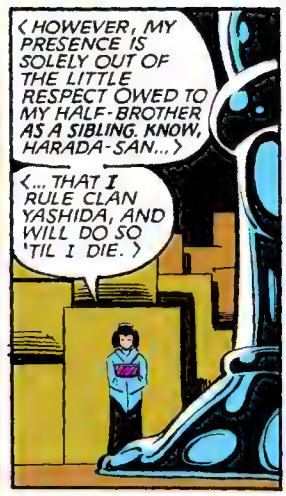
MADELYNE WAS THE SOLE SURVIVOR...

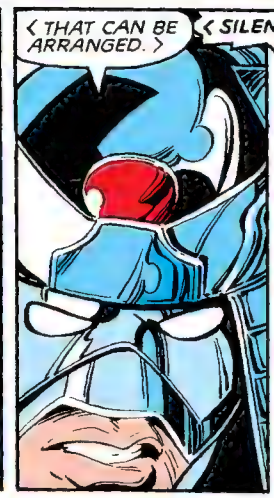
...OF A PLANE THAT CRASHED NOT ONLY ON THE DAY JEAN DIED...

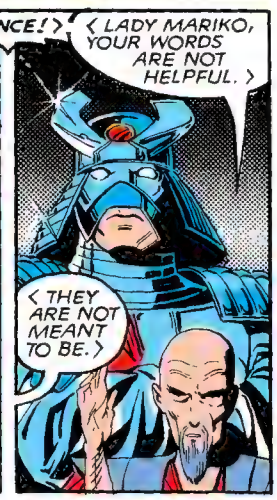
... BUT AT THE ***EXACT SAME MOMENT!***

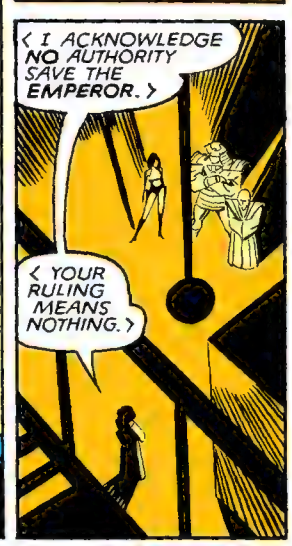

TŌKYŌ...
< I AM HERE, HARADA-SAN, AS YOU REQUESTED. >
< I ASSUME THE WOMAN IS YOUR COMPATRIOT, VIPER? >

GOOD EVENING, LADY MARIKO.
< I AM NABATONE YOKUSE, MILADY. I HAVE BEEN ASKED TO ARBITRATE THIS CONFLICT. >
< EVEN I HAVE HEARD OF THE GRAND ŌYABŪN OF THE YAKŪZA, THE SOLE RIVAL CRIMELORD MY FATHER SPARED. >

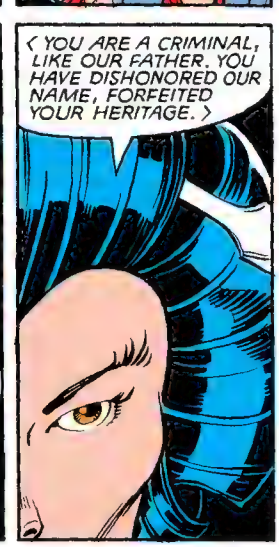

< HOWEVER, MY PRESENCE IS SOLELY OUT OF THE LITTLE RESPECT OWED TO MY HALF-BROTHER AS A SIBLING. KNOW, HARADA-SAN... >
<... THAT I RULE CLAN YASHIDA, AND WILL DO SO 'TIL I DIE. >

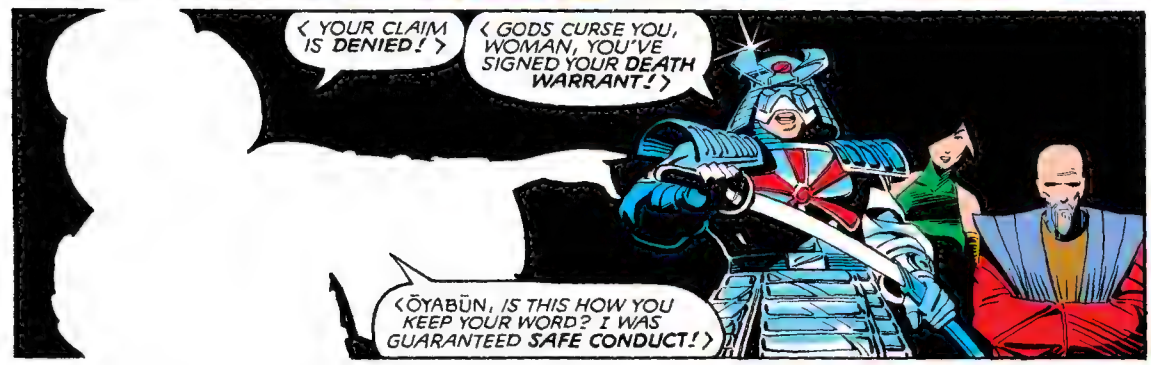

< THAT CAN BE ARRANGED. >
< SILENCE! >


< LADY MARIKO, YOUR WORDS ARE NOT HELPFUL. >
< THEY ARE NOT MEANT TO BE. >

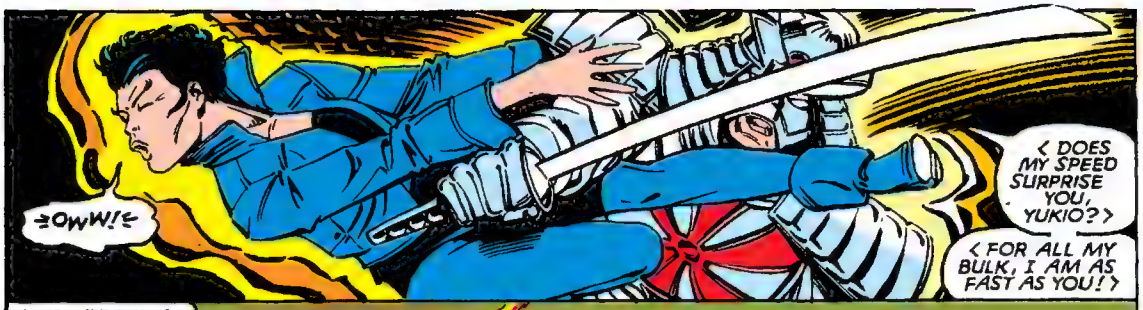

< I ACKNOWLEDGE NO AUTHORITY SAVE THE EMPEROR. >
< YOUR RULING MEANS NOTHING. >

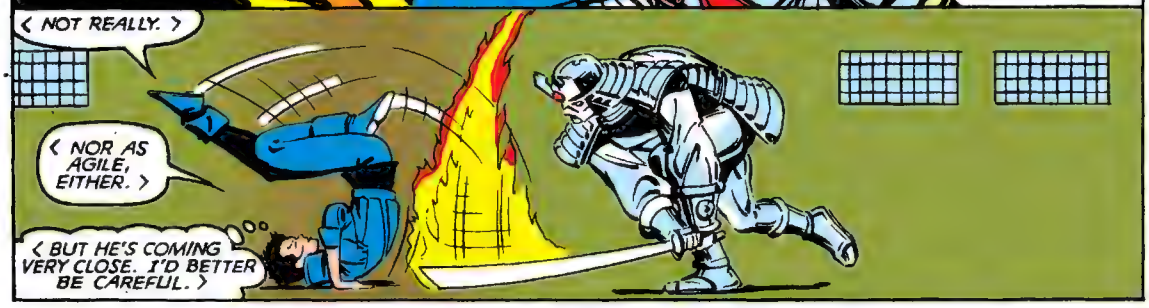
< I AM SHINGEN'S ONLY SON! HE PROMISED ME THE CLAN! >
< IT IS MINE BY RIGHT! >

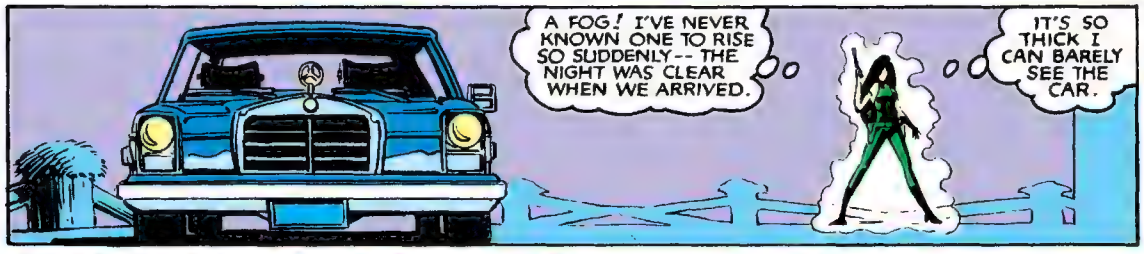

< YOU ARE A CRIMINAL, LIKE OUR FATHER. YOU HAVE DISHONORED OUR NAME, FORFEITED YOUR HERITAGE. >

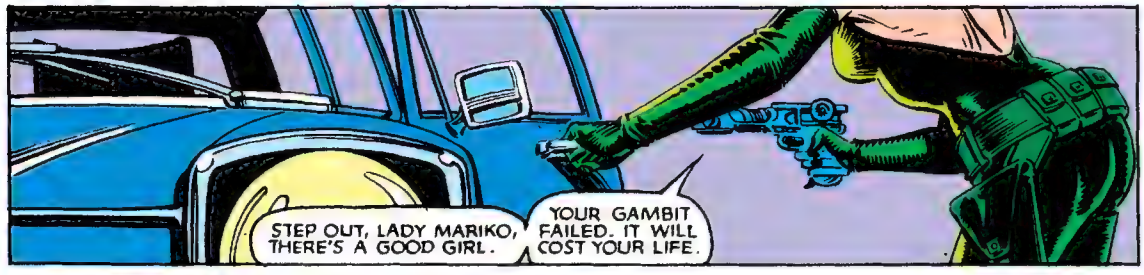

< YOUR CLAIM IS DENIED! >
< GODS CURSE YOU, WOMAN, YOU'VE SIGNED YOUR DEATH WARRANT! >
<ŌYABŪN, IS THIS HOW YOU KEEP YOUR WORD? I WAS GUARANTEED SAFE CONDUCT! >

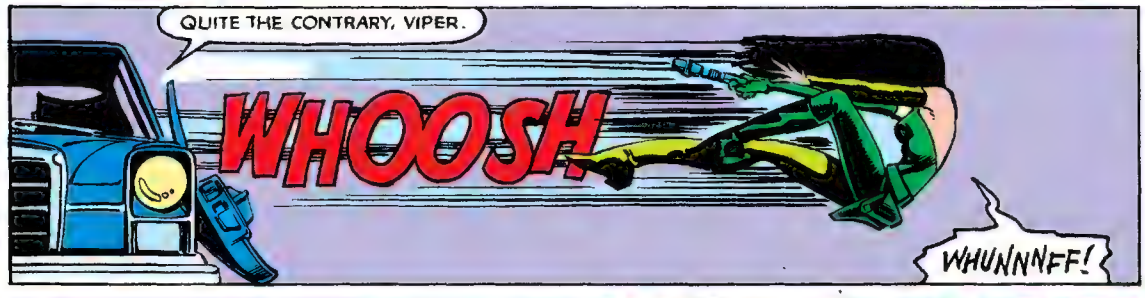
< I MADE MY PLEDGE TO LADY MARIKO. >
< YOU ARE NOT SHE. >
< WHAT--?! >
WHO DARES!?!
< HOW QUICKLY SOME FORGET. >
< WE HAVE UNFINISHED BUSINESS, SAMURAI. >
I FOLLOWED THE LIMOUSINE ALL THE WAY HERE. SINCE IT NEVER STOPPED EN ROUTE, MARIKO MUST STILL BE INSIDE, OR NEARBY.
KTANG!
DEAL WITH HER, VIPER.
THE WILD ONE IS MINE!
< THAT, RENEGADE, IS A MATTER OF OPINION. >
< VIPER DISAPPEARED! SHE MUST BE USING THE SAME TELEPORT DEVICE THE SAMURAI USED TO ESCAPE WOLVERINE AND ME EARLIER THIS EVENING! >

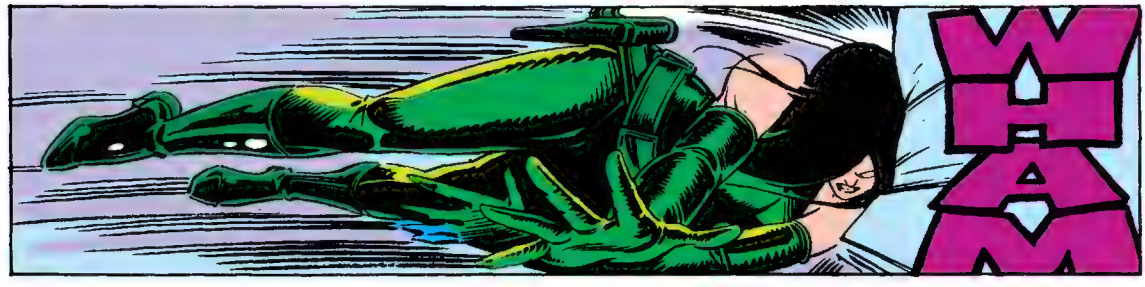

OWW!
< DOES MY SPEED SURPRISE YOU, YUKIO? >
< FOR ALL MY BULK, I AM AS FAST AS YOU! >


< NOT REALLY. >
< NOR AS AGILE, EITHER. >
< BUT HE'S COMING VERY CLOSE. I'D BETTER BE CAREFUL. >


A FOG! I'VE NEVER KNOWN ONE TO RISE SO SUDDENLY-- THE NIGHT WAS CLEAR WHEN WE ARRIVED.
IT'S SO THICK I CAN BARELY SEE THE CAR.


STEP OUT, LADY MARIKO, THERE'S A GOOD GIRL.
YOUR GAMBIT FAILED. IT WILL COST YOUR LIFE.


QUITE THE CONTRARY, VIPER.
WHOOSH
WHUNNNFF!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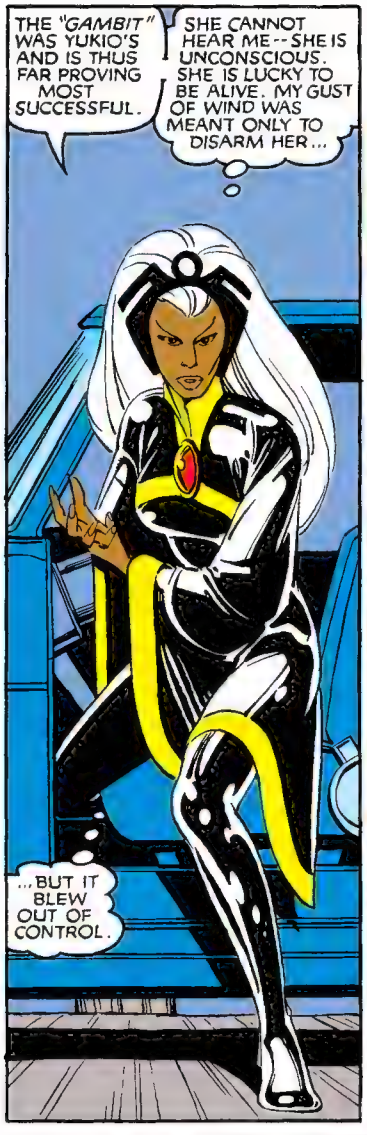
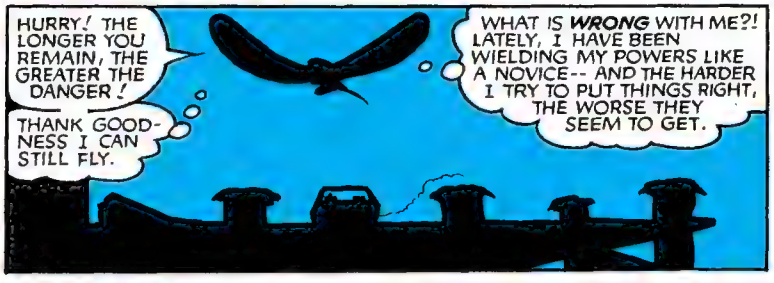
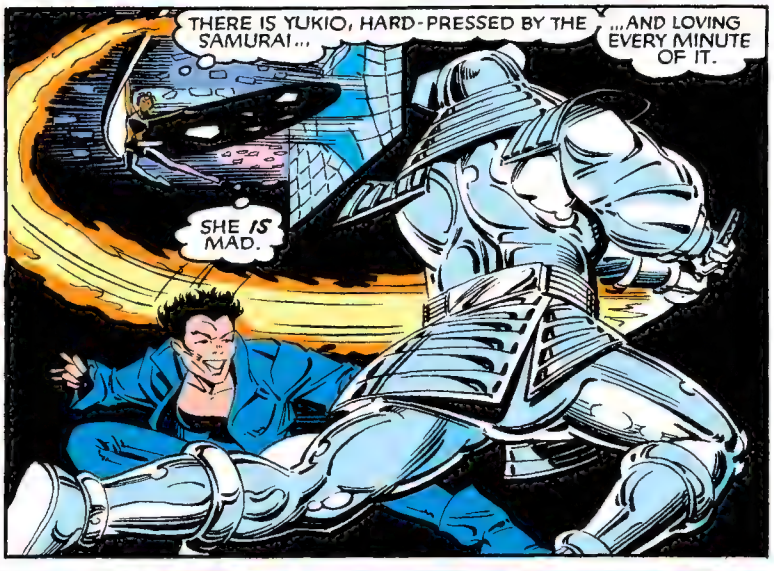
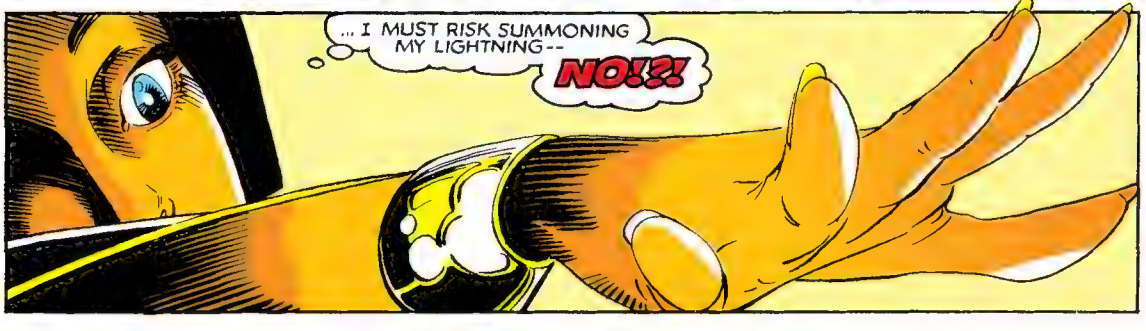

THE "GAMBIT" WAS YUKIO'S AND IS THUS FAR PROVING MOST SUCCESSFUL.
SHE CANNOT HEAR ME--SHE IS UNCONSCIOUS. SHE IS LUCKY TO BE ALIVE. MY GUST OF WIND WAS MEANT ONLY TO DISARM HER...
...BUT IT BLEW OUT OF CONTROL.

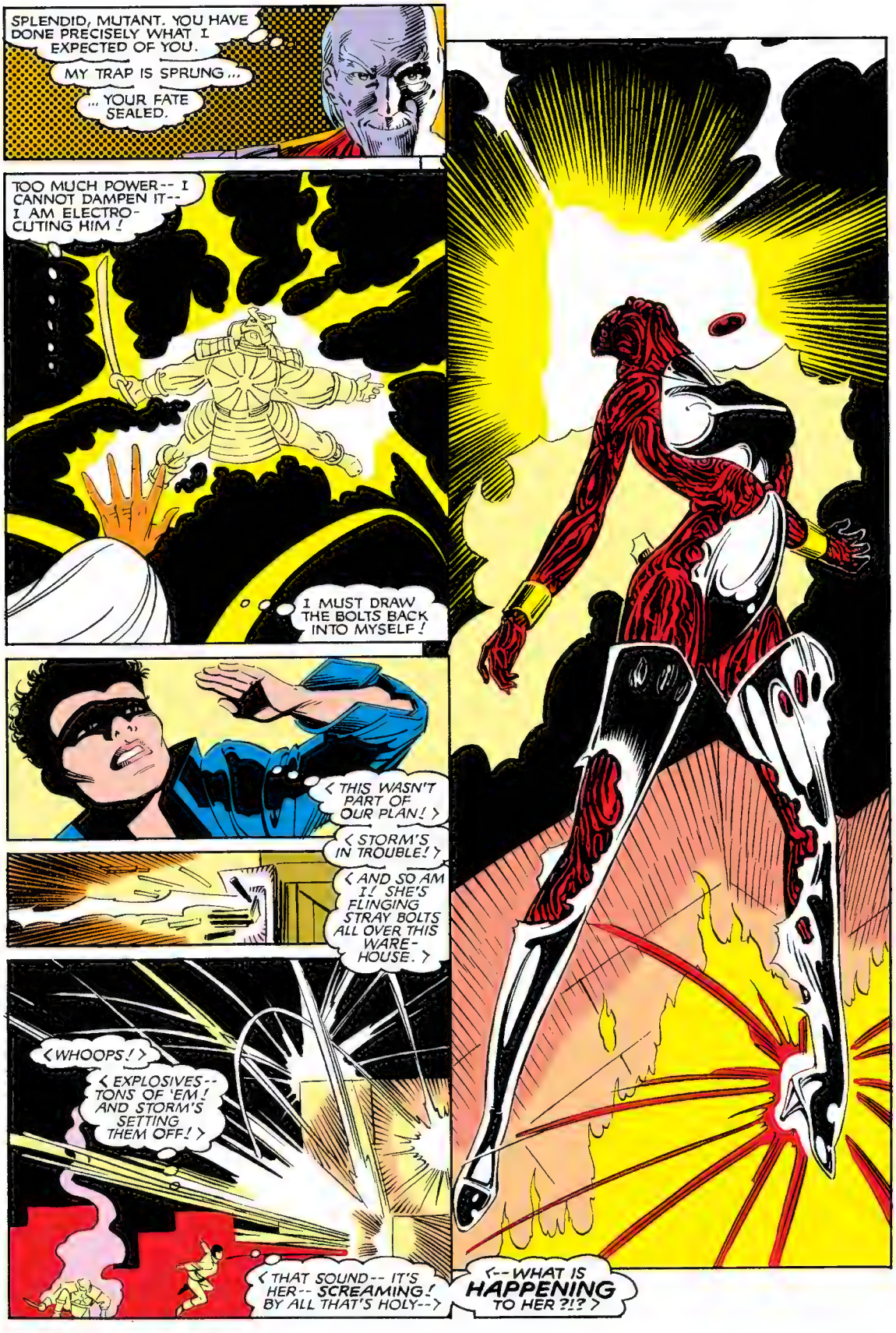
LEAVE THIS PLACE, MARIKO, AT ONCE!
BUT WHAT OF YOU, STORM, AND YUKIO?!
WE SHALL BE FINE, THIS IS OUR SORT OF WORK. USE THE CAR TELEPHONE TO SUMMON THE POLICE, AS YUKIO DID ME.

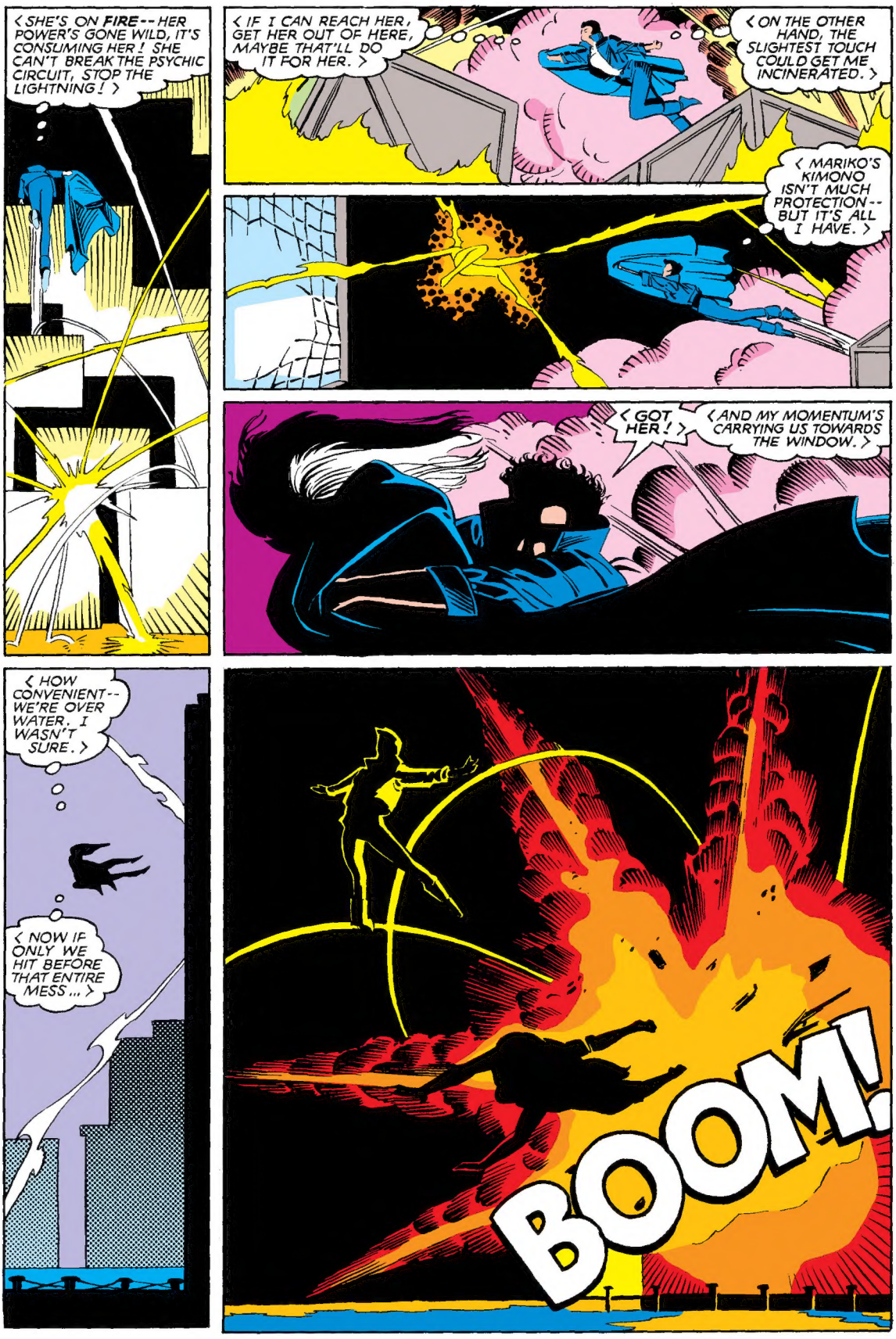

HURRY! THE LONGER YOU REMAIN, THE GREATER THE DANGER!
THANK GOODNESS I CAN STILL FLY.
WHAT IS WRONG WITH ME?! LATELY, I HAVE BEEN WIELDING MY POWERS LIKE A NOVICE-- AND THE HARDER I TRY TO PUT THINGS RIGHT, THE WORSE THEY SEEM TO GET.

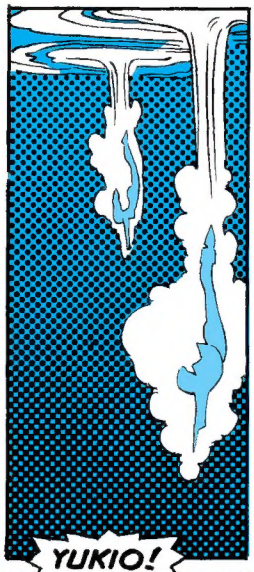

THERE IS YUKIO, HARD-PRESSED BY THE SAMURAI...
...AND LOVING EVERY MINUTE OF IT.
SHE IS MAD.

PHYSICALLY, I AM NO MATCH FOR THE SAMURAI. IF I AM TO SAVE YUKIO...

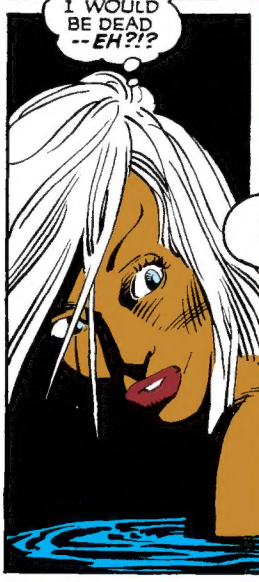

...I MUST RISK SUMMONING MY LIGHTNING--
NO!?!


SPLENDID, MUTANT. YOU HAVE DONE PRECISELY WHAT I EXPECTED OF YOU.
MY TRAP IS SPRUNG...
... YOUR FATE SEALED.
TOO MUCH POWER-- I CANNOT DAMPEN IT-- I AM ELECTRO-CUTING HIM!
I MUST DRAW THE BOLTS BACK INTO MYSELF!
< THIS WASN'T PART OF OUR PLAN! >
< STORM'S IN TROUBLE! >
< AND SO AM I! SHE'S FLINGING STRAY BOLTS ALL OVER THIS WARE-HOUSE. >
< WHOOPS! >
< EXPLOSIVES-- TONS OF 'EM! AND STORM'S SETTING THEM OFF! >
< THAT SOUND-- IT'S HER-- SCREAMING! BY ALL THAT'S HOLY-->
<--WHAT IS HAPPENING TO HER ?!? >


< SHE'S ON FIRE -- HER POWER'S GONE WILD, IT'S CONSUMING HER ! SHE CAN'T BREAK THE PSYCHIC CIRCUIT, STOP THE LIGHTNING ! >
< IF I CAN REACH HER, GET HER OUT OF HERE, MAYBE THAT'LL DO IT FOR HER. >
< ON THE OTHER HAND, THE SLIGHTEST TOUCH COULD GET ME INCINERATED. >
< MARIKO'S KIMONO ISN'T MUCH PROTECTION -- BUT IT'S ALL I HAVE. >
< GOT HER ! >
< AND MY MOMENTUM'S CARRYING US TOWARDS THE WINDOW. >
< HOW CONVENIENT -- WE'RE OVER WATER. I WASN'T SURE. >
< NOW IF ONLY WE HIT BEFORE THAT ENTIRE MESS ... >
BOOM!

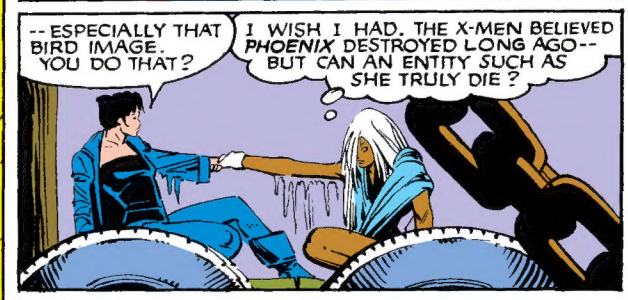


YUKIO!
WHERE IS SHE?!

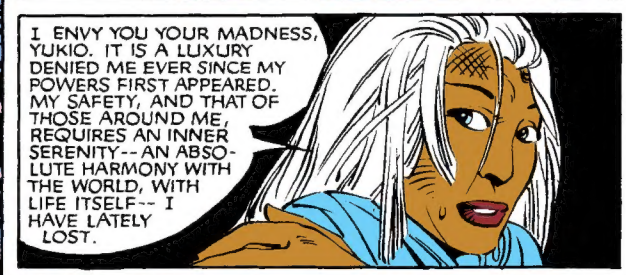

IF NOT FOR HER, I WOULD BE DEAD --EH?!?

MERCIFUL GODDESS!

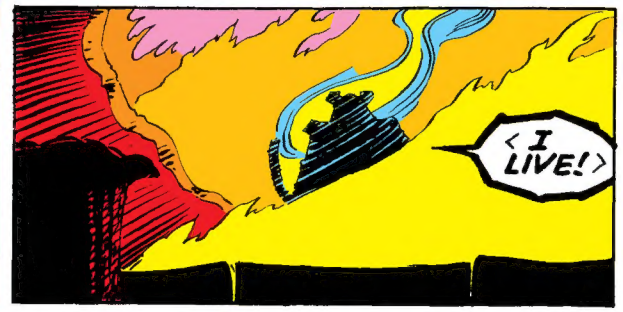
IT CANNOT BE. I WAS HALLUCINATING. WHAT I SAW COULD NOT EXIST.
SOME FIRE-WORKS--

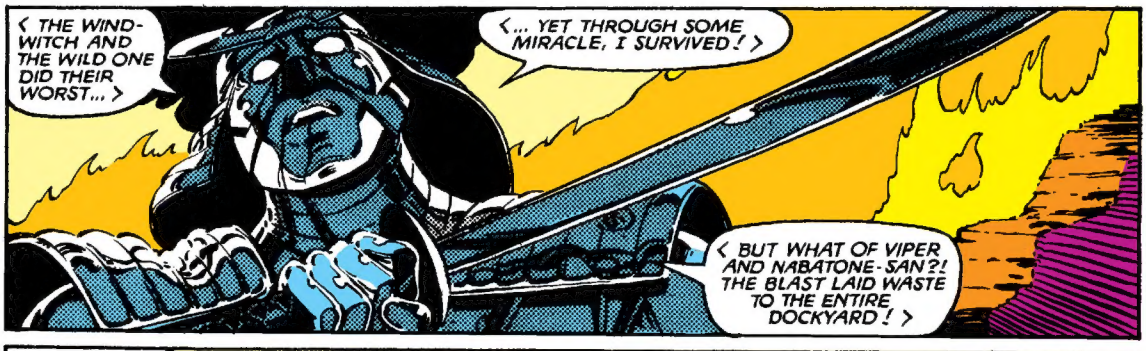

--ESPECIALLY THAT BIRD IMAGE. YOU DO THAT?
I WISH I HAD. THE X-MEN BELIEVED PHOENIX DESTROYED LONG AGO-- BUT CAN AN ENTITY SUCH AS SHE TRULY DIE?

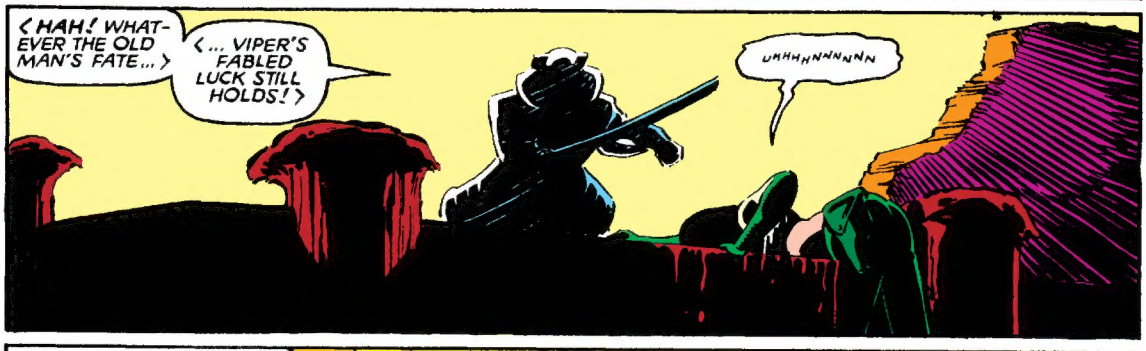
DOES THIS MANIFESTATION MEAN SHE HAS SOMEHOW RESTORED HERSELF?!
I SUPPOSE, TO YOU, THIS WAS SIMPLY ANOTHER GOOD TIME?
THE BEST!

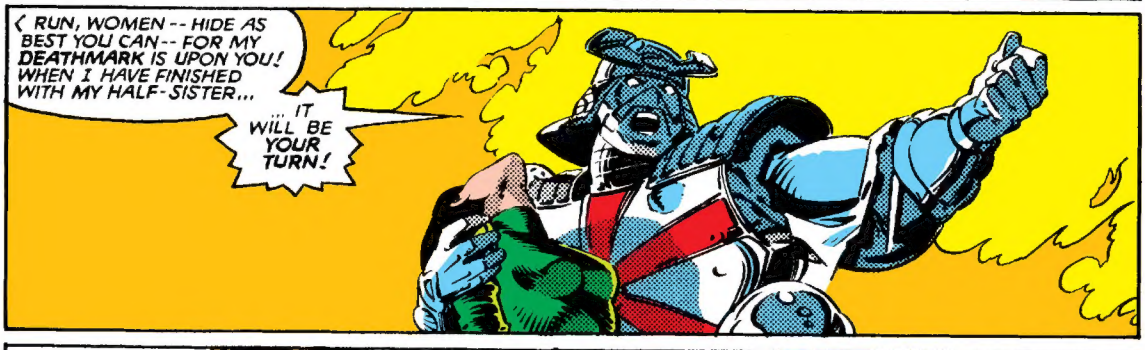

I ENVY YOU YOUR MADNESS, YUKIO. IT IS A LUXURY DENIED ME EVER SINCE MY POWERS FIRST APPEARED. MY SAFETY, AND THAT OF THOSE AROUND ME, REQUIRES AN INNER SERENITY--AN ABSOLUTE HARMONY WITH THE WORLD, WITH LIFE ITSELF-- I HAVE LATELY LOST.

IS THAT WHY THINGS WENT CRAZY IN THE WAREHOUSE?
I... HOPE SO.
FOR THE DEATH OF MY SOUL IS INFINITELY PREFERABLE TO THE ALTERNATIVE.

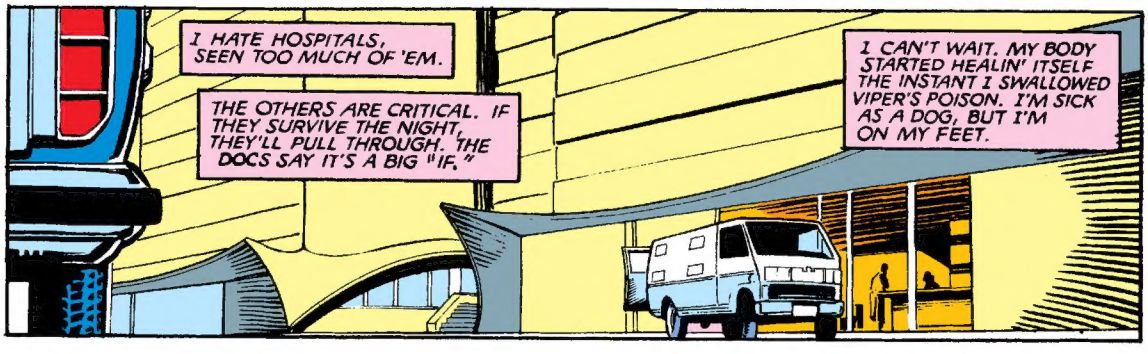

<I LIVE!>

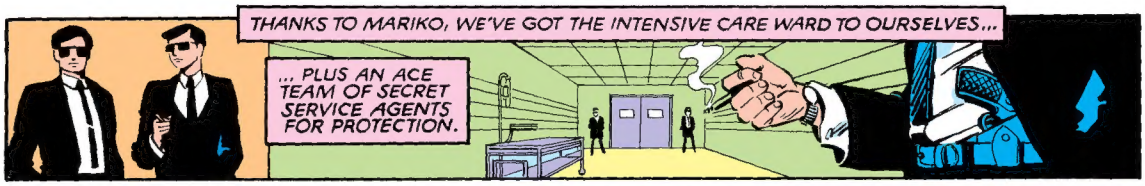

< THE WIND-WITCH AND THE WILD ONE DID THEIR WORST... >
< ... YET THROUGH SOME MIRACLE, I SURVIVED! >
< BUT WHAT OF VIPER AND NABATONE-SAN?! THE BLAST LAID WASTE TO THE ENTIRE DOCKYARD! >

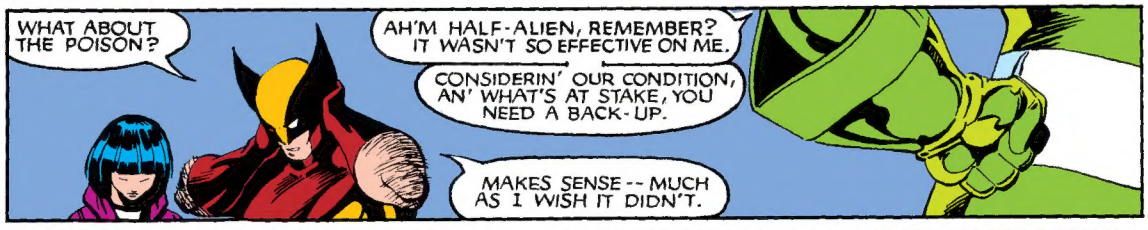

< HAH! WHATEVER THE OLD MAN'S FATE... >
< ... VIPER'S FABLED LUCK STILL HOLDS! >
UHHHHNNNNNN


< RUN, WOMEN -- HIDE AS BEST YOU CAN -- FOR MY DEATHMARK IS UPON YOU! WHEN I HAVE FINISHED WITH MY HALF-SISTER...
... IT WILL BE YOUR TURN!

WHAT WAS THAT?! I THOUGHT I HEARD LAUGHTER!
HAVE I LOST MY WITS AS WELL, TO BELIEVE THE WINDS THEMSELVES MOCK ME, THAT THE VERY NIGHT AIR HAS TURNED EVIL?
WHERE ARE WE GOING, YUKIO? WE MUST WARN THE OTHERS... OF WHAT WE SAW...
IT'LL HAVE TO WAIT. WE'RE NEITHER OF US IN ANY SHAPE TO TRAVEL, OR FIGHT.
WE NEED A PLACE TO REST.


I HATE HOSPITALS, SEEN TOO MUCH OF 'EM.
THE OTHERS ARE CRITICAL. IF THEY SURVIVE THE NIGHT, THEY'LL PULL THROUGH. THE DOCS SAY IT'S A BIG "IF."
I CAN'T WAIT. MY BODY STARTED HEALIN' ITSELF THE INSTANT I SWALLOWED VIPER'S POISON. I'M SICK AS A DOG, BUT I'M ON MY FEET.





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